

II. Listing of Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A side air-bag, ~~the side air-bag incorporating~~ formed of interconnected layers of fabric comprising: an internal tether, ~~the internal tether having two ends~~ serving to interconnect two spaced-apart regions of an interior of the air-bag, wherein the distance around the periphery of the air-bag, in horizontal section, between the ends of the tether ~~being~~ is greater in one direction than in the other direction~~[[,]]~~ and the length of the tether ~~being~~ is less than the ~~shorter~~ distance in the other direction.
2. (Original) A side air-bag according to Claim 1 wherein the tether has an overall vertical extent of at least 50 mm.
3. (Currently Amended) A side air-bag according to Claim 1 ~~or 2 where~~ wherein the side air-bag ~~incorporates~~ includes a ~~region~~ portion configured to receive a gas generator arranged to inflate the two spaced-apart regions ~~and an inflatable region~~ extending therefrom, the tether extending from a point in or adjacent said portion ~~the said region~~ configured to receive said ~~[[the]]~~ gas generator to a point within the ~~inflatable region~~ interior of the airbag which is remote from the gas generator.
4. (Currently Amended) An air-bag according to Claim 3 wherein the air-bag is formed from two super-imposed substantially identical layers of fabric, the layers of

fabric being interconnected by a peripheral seam, the tether extending from ~~[[the]]~~ said ~~region~~ portion configured to receive ~~[[a]]~~ said gas generator to~~[[,]]~~ a part of one of said layers of fabric spaced from said peripheral seam.

5. (Currently Amended) An air-bag according Claim 3 wherein the air-bag is formed from two super-imposed substantially identical layers of fabric interconnected by a peripheral seam, the internal tether extending from part of the peripheral seam to a point adjacent ~~the region~~ said portion configured to receive ~~[[the]]~~ said gas generator.

6. (Currently Amended) An air-bag according to Claim 3 wherein the air-bag is formed from two super-imposed substantially identical layers of fabric interconnected by a peripheral seam, there being a gusset or third layer of fabric interposed between said two layers of fabric over at least part of the peripheral seam, the tether extending from ~~[[the]]~~ said ~~region~~ portion configured to receive ~~an air-bag~~ said gas generator to a side edge part of said gusset.

7. (Currently Amended) An air-bag according to Claim 3 wherein the air-bag is formed from two adjacent layers of fabric of different sizes interconnected by a peripheral seam, the internal tether extending from ~~[[the]]~~ said ~~region~~ portion configured to receive the gas generator to part of the peripheral seam.

8. (Currently Amended) An air-bag according to Claim 1 ~~any of the preceding Claims~~ wherein the tether is a single panel.

9. (Currently Amended) An air-bag according to ~~any of Claims 1 to 7~~ Claim 1 wherein the tether is a plurality of straps acting together.

10. (New) A side air-bag formed of interconnected layers of fabric comprising: an internal tether having two ends serving to interconnect two spaced-apart regions of the air-bag, wherein the distance around the periphery of an interior of the air-bag, in horizontal section, between the ends of the tether is greater in one direction than in the other direction and the length of the tether is less than the distance in the other direction, wherein the side air-bag includes a portion configured to receive a gas generator arranged to inflate the two spaced-apart regions extending therefrom, and the tether extends from a point in or adjacent said portion configured to receive said gas generator to a point within said interior of the airbag which is remote from said gas generator.

11. (New) A side air-bag according to Claim 10 wherein the tether has an overall vertical extent of at least 50 mm.

12. (New) An air-bag according to Claim 10 wherein the tether is a single panel.

13. (New) An air-bag according to Claim 10 wherein the tether is a plurality of straps acting together.

14. (New) A side air-bag formed of interconnected layers of fabric comprising: an internal tether having two ends serving to interconnect two spaced-apart regions of the air-bag, wherein the distance around the periphery of an interior of the air-bag, in

horizontal section, between the ends of the tether is greater in one direction than in the other direction and the length of the tether is less than the distance in the other direction, wherein the side air-bag includes a portion configured to receive a gas generator arranged to inflate the two spaced-apart regions with an inflatable region extending therefrom, and the tether extends from a point in or adjacent said portion configured to receive said gas generator to a point within said interior of the airbag which is remote from said gas generator, wherein the tether has an overall vertical extent of at least 50 mm.

15. (New) An air-bag according to Claim 11 wherein the air-bag is formed from two super-imposed substantially identical layers of fabric, the layers of fabric being interconnected by a peripheral seam, the tether extending from said portion configured to receive said gas generator to a part of one of said layers of fabric spaced from said peripheral seam.

16. (New) An air-bag according Claim 11 wherein the air-bag is formed from two super-imposed substantially identical layers of fabric interconnected by a peripheral seam, the internal tether extending from part of the peripheral seam to a point adjacent said portion configured to receive said gas generator.

17. (New) An air-bag according to Claim 11 wherein the air-bag is formed from two super-imposed substantially identical layers of fabric interconnected by a peripheral seam, there being a gusset or third layer of fabric interposed between said two layers of fabric over at least part of the peripheral seam, the tether extending

from said portion configured to receive said gas generator to a side edge part of said gusset.

18. (New) An air-bag according to Claim 11 wherein the air-bag is formed from two adjacent layers of fabric of different sizes interconnected by a peripheral seam, the internal tether extending from said portion configured to receive the gas generator to part of the peripheral seam.

19. (New) An air-bag according to Claim 11 wherein the tether is a single panel.

20. (New) An air-bag according to Claim 11 wherein the tether is a plurality of straps acting together.